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My dear Gray

I was much gratified at receiving yours of the 21st June as it had been long since I had heard from you - but I fear it has been still longer since I wrote to you. The fact is the total change in my position has quite put me out and I have less courage than ever to sit down to write a letter even to a botanical friend and to such a one as yourself. Mr Bentham's health is in a very uncertain state and we are consequently very unsettled. We have our house at Kew till the middle of next month and where we go after that is quite undecided. I shall hope to be within

reach of the Herbarium, but even
that is doubtful - In the mean
time I devote as much time
to my pursuits as my present interres-
tions allow - and New York at any
rate be my address for some time
to come.

I am naming a fine set of
Grew's plants from Rio Janeiro
and the rest of the San Gabriel
ones - I cannot make much of
your Leguminous 646 of Thurber's
Mexican collection. I should have
thought it something in the
Bongniatia way but that you
say the radicle is dead and
incurved - at any rate I know
of no Galegous genus to which
I should at once refer it - and
Galegous it must be.

So long as I can work at the
Herbarium I shall be most happy

to look at any plants for you.
In the morning the *Acacia? craspedula*
has got mixed but I suppose I
shall find it in arranging some
Mimosa. I have to work upon
very shortly.

I look forward with great
pleasure to seeing your first part
of Exploring Expedⁿ plants. I cannot
help still taking an interest in the
herbarium and Libron as if they
were still my own and am
equally gratified as before by any
contributions towards it.

With kindest regards to Mr
Gray believe me,

Ever yours sincerely
George Donnan